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SUBJC AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: TARIFF QUOTAS ON  
IMPORTS OF UNCOATED PAPER AND PAPERBOARD

REF: A. CANBERRA 5467, B. STATE A-4091

1. MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND MINISTER FOR  
BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT QUOTAS  
HAVE BEEN APPLIED TO IMPORTS OF MOST TYPES OF UNCOATED  
PAPER AND PAPERBOARD HAVING AN F.O.B. PRICE OF NOT LESS  
THAN A\$350 PER TONNE FALLING WITHIN TARIFF ITEM 48.01.921.  
IMPORTS AT THE NORMAL RATE OF DUTY (I.E. 20 PCT AD VALOREM)  
DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 1976 TO MAY 31, 1977 WOULD  
BE RESTRICTED TO 45 PCT OF TOTAL IMPORTS ON A WEIGHT  
BASIS DURING FY75 AND FY76. IMPORTS IN EXCESS OF THIS AMOUNT  
WOULD BE SUBJECT TO AN ADDITIONAL DUTY OF 15 PCT AD VALOREM.  
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EDULE.

2. MINISTERS' ANNOUNCEMENT WAS RESULT OF GOA ACCEPTANCE OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY'S RECOMMENDATIONS. AS REPORTED REF (A), TAA HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER THERE WAS NEED FOR URGENT ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO PROTECT LOCAL INDUSTRY AGAINST IMPORTS OF PAPER AND PAPERBOARD FALLING WITHIN TARIFF ITEMS 48.01.921 AND 48.07.62 (COATED PAPER AND PAPERBOARD). TAA HAD FOUND THAT URGENT ACTION WAS NOT NECESSARY IN THE LATTER CASE.

3. QUOTAS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO IMPORTERS BASED ON IMPORT CLEARANCES DURING FY75 AND FY76. GOODS IN BOND OR IN TRANSIT ON OCTOBER 3 ARE ALLOWED ENTRY AT NORMAL RATES IF ENTRY IS MADE BEFORE OCTOBER 24 BUT QUANTITIES SO ENTERED WILL BE DEBITED AGAINST THE IMPORTER'S QUOTA ALLOCATION.

4. PRELIMINARY FY76 FIGURES RELEASED BY THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS SHOW THAT THE U.S. IS THE SECOND MAJOR SUPPLIER OF UNCOATED PAPER AND PAPERBOARD. VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. IN FY76 UNDER ITEM 48.01.921 WAS A\$2,041,893, WHICH REPRESENTED 28 PCT OF TOTAL IMPORTS VALUED AT A\$7,289,395.

5. QUESTION OF NEED FOR LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION, IAC HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PRESENT AN INTERIM REPORT BY FEBRUARY 28, 1977 ON WHETHER TARIFF QUOTAS SHOULD CONTINUE FROM MAY 31, 1977.

6. COPIES OF TAA REPORT ARE BEING SENT SEPARATELY TO EB/OT/TA AND USDOC OTP/BIEPR.

7. EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS REQUESTED REF (B) PRIOR TO RELEASE OF REPORT. WE HAVE NOW REQUESTED THESE DOCUMENTS FROM TAA AND WILL FORWARD THEM WHEN RECEIVED.  
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